

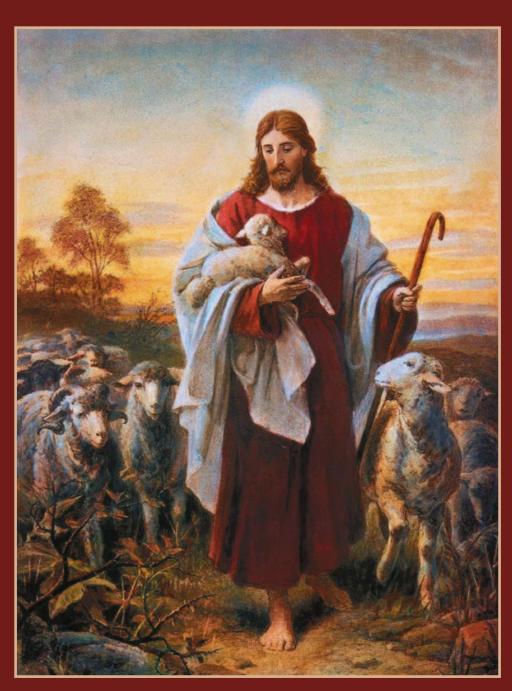
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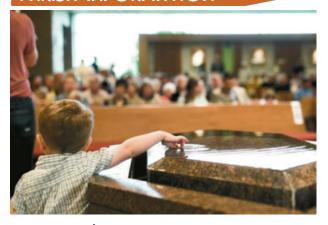


My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me.

-John 10:27



PARISH INFORMATION



We're glad you're here! If you are interested in joining Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, please pick up a form in the Gathering Space, download on-line at www.olih.org or stop in during office hours to register

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 8:30 am
Tues 5:30 pm
Mary's Mass 1st Sat of month 8:30 am

Weekend Masses Sat 5:00 pm Sun 8:30 & 10:30 am

Livestreaming daily at 8:30 am & Sat at 5:00 pm Recorded rosary precedes morning Mass.

SACRAMENTS

Marriage Contact the office at least six months in advance

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm or by appointment; additional times during Lent.

Anointing of the Sick The sacrament is available to those seriously ill, suffering from prolonged illness or facing a major medical procedure. Call the parish office for more information.

Baptism Baptisms are held on the 1st & 3rd weekends of the month following the 5:00 pm or 10:30 am Mass. Contact the office to schedule.

Preparation for Baptism Classes meet at 7:00 pm via Zoom: Jun 7, Jul 5, Aug 2, Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 8

THINGS TO KNOW

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Bulletin Deadline Submit items to olih@olih.org the Friday of the week before publication.

Parish Address

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Website Www.olih.org



IGNITE CAMPAIGN



The *Ignite!* Campaign is now underway, and the generosity of our communities is on full display! Many thanks to the volunteers who are working diligently and the donors who have given so generously in the early stages. To date, the campaign has already raised over \$15 million!

In the coming weeks, volunteers may be contacting some of you.

Volunteers - Dual Donation

The volunteers who are contacting families are just that – volunteers. They have graciously agreed to donate their time and talent for the betterment of our parish and diocese. Please treat them with



respect, give them a little of your time, and thank them for helping the parish and the diocese in this capacity. They are not trying to twist your arm, they just want to briefly explain the campaign goals, answer your questions, and encourage you to participate.



Your Gift Matters!

Remember, the letter you received from Bishop Joensen and Fr. Amadeo includes a financial request. It is not an *expectation*. It is an *invitation*. You may not be able to give what was asked. You may be able to give more than asked. Whatever that decision is, know that your commitment is deeply appreciated and a true blessing.

SAVE THE DATE

We have many celebrations coming up at OLIH. Please put them on your calendar now:

May 14 'Salute to Grads' drive-through. Check out the

photos of our grads arranged around the parking lot. And then, pray for them on our online rosary (go to our website to click on the link).

May 14 & 15 Blessing of Graduates at each of the Masses.

Jun 18 & 19 Sr Susan's Retirement Receptions after the

weekend Masses.

Jun 25 OLIH Feast Day. Music by 'Nice Bangs', food

available for purchase from food trucks (Street Eats, Charlotte's Kitchen & Sweet Swirls). Bring a lawn chair or blanket; gather on the

East Lawn after the 5:00 pm Mass.

Jul 9 & 10 Farewell receptions for Fr James after all the

weekend Masses.

UBS 2022:REGISTER BY MAY 13

Go off-road for a 'Monumental' adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a



rock-solid faith for the road ahead. The fun runs June 13-17 from 8:50 am-12:00 pm. If you have any questions please contact Jackie King, jackieking83@gmail.com or 515/783-6593 . Registration is now open—https://vbspro.events/p/events/b6f66a

We are offering a Special Needs Ministry Room in addition to regularly integrated VBS participation again this year! If interested in registering an individual with special needs contact Mary Sankey 515-964-3545 ex118 marys@olih.org.

PS—Want to help out now? Pick up a tag from the board in the Gathering Space and bring the item back. Thanks!



Gr 6-12 YM Week

And for our older students, check out our website under 'Parish Events' and see what we have each day for you. Sign up for one or all events. You can volunteer in the morning at VBS and take part in our fun later in the day.

Adult VBS: Jun 14-16

It's not just for kids! Adults are invited to attend either the morning (9:00-10:30 am) or the evening (5:30-7:00 pm) sessions. Explore the gift of the Eucharist and the impact Christ can have in your life.

FOR OUR GRADUATES

Grad Drive-Through & Awards

Saturday, May 14, 9:00-11:00 am. Graduates RSVP at www.olih.org. so we have a 'Senior Treat' on hand for you. Afterwards, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, the OLIH scholarship recipients and their families are invited for the formal presentation ceremony.

Pray for our Grads

Beginning May 13, you can go online to our website and click on the link to take you to our 'Rosary for the 2022 Grads'. Just click on a bead and one (or more) of our grads will be revealed. Say the appropriate prayer (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be) as you lift each name up to the Lord.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8

Sun: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-3

Mon: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/

Jn 10:1-10

Tues: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/

Jn 10:22-30

Wed: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6

and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thurs: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25

and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Fri: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-

11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Sat: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-

4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Next Sun:

Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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Monday, May 9

8:30 am LeAnn Stefani Anderlik †

Tuesday, May 10

8:30 am Steve Landwehr † 5:30 pm Ryan Whitmore †

Wednesday, May 11

8:30 am Cheryl Bruder †

Friday, May 13

8:30 am Edward 'Joe' Lynch †

Saturday, May 14

5:00 pm Steve Landwehr †

Sunday, May 15

8:30 am Jim & Bruce Sperflage † 10:30 am People of the Parish

OLIH: WORKING FOR THE GOOD

Family Promise: May 29-June 5

It's not only our turn again but we're back to welcoming our guests to 'our house'! OLIH is in charge of meals, overnight hosting, and shuttle duty for Family Promise May 29-June 5. Please check under 'Parish Events' on our website to see how you can help Mattresses are provided, bring your own linens. Contact Natalie Francis, francisankeny@aol.com, if you wish to help or have any questions. Must be 21 or older to be a host.

More Ways to Help the Food Pantry

We've missed it for the last two years, but Stamp Out Hunger is finally back! The National Association of Letter Carriers is hosting the biggest food drive of the year on Saturday, **May 14**. On that date, put out non-perishable food items for your letter carrier to collect during their usual mail route. Make sure to check that the items you set out are in-date, un-opened, in the original packaging, and able to sit in our warehouse for several days before they are sorted. Each of the previous years the letter carriers collected about 60,000 lbs of food for our pantry network--equivalent to 1 month's supply!

We'll need your help to sort and check all the items, so they can get out to our pantry network. Watch for more information for groups and individuals to sign up. Reach out to Nisha Kishor at nkishor@dmarcunited.org if you have a group that would like to schedule a time to help!

PS—Ever wonder where that food goes to that OLIH collects each month? Then stop by the DMARC Grand Opening Celebration on Thursday, **May 26**, 100 Army Post Rd between 4:00-6:00 pm to explore their new location.

Pillow Drive—Due by this Sunday

Help collect new pillows to support Catholic Charities programs — Emergency Family Shelter and the Refugee Resettlement P rogram. Drop off new pillows in the OLIH Gathering Space before Sunday, May 8. For more information, contact Emily Klisares, eklisares@catholiccharitiesdm.org or 515/237-5027.

Chip in for Charity

St Vincent de Paul will host their annual golf fundraiser on Thursday, May 26 at Copper Creek Golf Club (4825 Copper Creek Dr, Pleasant Hill, IA). Registration at 8:30 am; Shotgun start at 10:00 am. Can't attend? You can still support the cause by purchasing raffle tickets. Look for members of the OLIH SVDP selling tickets after Mass on May 14 & 15.

Baby Bottle Campaign

We will once again be collecting for InnerVisions Clinic. Pick up a baby bottle to fill or drop off a donation on **May 14 & 15** at OLIH.

SHOW SUPPORT

St. Luke's Blue Red Mass

On Thursday, **May 19**, at the regularly scheduled 5:30 pm Mass, St. Luke the Evangelist (1102 NW Weigel Drive) will celebrate a special Mass to not only remember first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice, but to thank the women and men who serve and protect us each day and to pray for their safety. There will be representatives from several area law enforcement, fire and EMS departments, and Dispatch centers present.

Refreshments will be served in the gym after Mass. Please, let's show our support and fill the church! For more information, contact Tom at ankenyjudges@gmail.com

OUTSIDE EVENTS

Man Up: Journey Through the Foundations of the Mass

Join us for a special presentation with Jesse Weiler, the Director of the Liturgical Institute in Mundelein, IL and co-host of 'The Liturgy Guys' podcast. He will give a presentation on the Mass that will explain the two foundational principles of Sacramental Theology. In this presentation you will rediscover the source and summit of the Christian life and, therefore, the very source of divinization in Christ.

Friday, **May 13**, Noon/St. Francis of Assisi Parish, WDM Chick-fil-A is back! And will be available for a free-will offering. (You are welcome to bring your own lunch or skip lunch if you wish.) Register for this event at www.iowacatholicradio.com/

Future of Ankeny Schools

What is the vision of Ankeny Schools for the next five years? The Ankeny Community School District (ACSD) has released drafts of its new Strategic Plan, Profile of a Graduate, and DEI Framework. All Ankeny residents are encouraged to view these on the district website, ankenyschools.org. ACSD and AMOS encourage you to comment on these plans by May 9. The plans will be acted on by the ACSD Board of Education on May 16.

Laudato Si' On Care for Our Common Home Study

Join a study of Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si' On Care for Our Common Home*. Pope Francis draws us into a dialogue with every person on the planet about our common home. We as human beings are united by the concern of our planet, and every living thing that dwells on it, especially the poorest and most vulnerable. The group will be facilitated by Ken and Rita Bresnan for four sessions: **May 16, May 23, June 6** and **June 13** from 1:00-3:00 pm via Zoom. The \$30 cost includes the book needed. Please register by Wednesday, May 11 https://csm.coursestorm.com/category/laudato-si

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Regional School System

In preparation for the region, Dowling Catholic High School is seeking the following full-time positions:

- Accounts Payable Clerk
- Accounts Receivable Specialist
- Admissions Coordinator

More information can be found on Dowling's website (www.dowlingcatholic.org). Applications can be submitted on Teach Iowa. Please contact Jesse Proehl, Human Resources Specialist with questions. jproehl@dowlingcatholic.org

Parish Business Manager Opening

St Theresa Parish in Des Moines seeks a full-time Parish Business Manager responsible for fiscal and facility management. Sound financial management of the parish's financial resources is a critical component of this position, along with a demonstrated ability to manage facilities and interact with staff through collaborative teamwork. Job description is available at: https://sainttheresaiowa.org/employment-opportunities/. Please email a cover letter and resume to teischeid@stsdsm.com. Applications are due by May 27. For more information, call or text Anita Holub at 515-216-0908.

CATHOLIC WORKER HOUSE

Below is a summary list of items needed for our daily operations here: Restaurant-style take-out boxes; Shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Razors, Lotion; Seasoned salt, garlic powder, onion powder, and other seasonings. Bulk if possible: Rice; To-Go Coffee cups and lids; Underwear; Toilet Paper

A big thank you to all of you who volunteer, donate, and stop by to encourage us and contribute to the work. We appreciate all of you and wish you well.

For more info and delivery contact: Frank Cordaro, frank.cordaro@gmail.com, 515-490-2490 Austin Cook, Austin.baseball04@gmail.com, 515-971-8721 (not available Mondays and Wednesdays)

HIDDEN TREASURE



Start saving the 'good stuff' — plans are underway to have our annual OLIH Rummage Sale, July 21-23.

Want to help with displaying and pricing? Give us a call, 515-964-3038. Items can be dropped off July 17 & 18. More details to come.

MAY 14 & 15 MINISTRY

Saturday, MAY 14 AT 5:00 PM

Cross Bearer: Derick Tallman
Eucharistic Captain: Mike Jensen
Eucharistic Asst: Bev Whitlatch

Eucharistic Ministers: Tina & Ty Barten, Jodi Judge, Linda McTaggart, Michael Mott, Mary

Stoltenberg, Helen Westcott

Hospitality: Tony Farrell, Gordon Havlik, Mike

Myhre (sub requested)

Lector: Diana Fitzpatrick & Kathy Lickteig **Music:** Mark Riewer, Charlie Hart & Chris

Pierson

Livestreaming: Renae Smith (sub requested) &

Scott Pattee

Sunday, MAY 15 AT 8:30 AM

Cross Bearer: Phil Cavin

Eucharistic Captain: Wesley Hutter
Eucharistic Asst: Jennifer Cakinberk
Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Arend, John
Baumhover, Janet Harmeyer, Jean Larsen,
Sally Link, Julie Steemken, Joan Stover
Hospitality Captain: Mark Schmitt

Hospitality: Dayla Cockerham, Travis Gavin, Asa

Hutton Jr, Glen Swanson, Greg Wandrey **Lector:** Andrea Goes & Brent Steemken **Music:** Andrea Maher & Ella Cavin

Sound: Joe Corso

Sunday, MAY 15 AT 10:30 AM

Cross Bearer: Tom Doruska **Eucharistic Captain:** John Ledvina **Eucharistic Asst:** Brenda Clark

Eucharistic Ministers: Toby & Vicki Berberich, Barb Ledvina, Nick Meng, Mary Sankey,

LuAnn Wooley

Hospitality Captain: Eric Stall

Hospitality: Greg Clawson, Brian Hartman, John

& Renness Lonning, Rick Rewerts **Lector: S**ara Doruska & Laura Parsons

Music: Joe & Jackie Carey **Sound:** Becky Robovsky

Money Counters

Monday, May 9: Jolee Belzung, Nancy Rude,

Susan Thornton

Monday, May 16: Virginia Dahm, Ruth Ward, Bob

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Please remember — **Jon Renner,** father of Biff Renner, and **Kaye Lescher,** parishioner.

God grant them eternal rest.

May 8, 2022

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rev 7:9, 14b-17 In 10:27-30

GROW: AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The divisiveness we see in our nation and our world is not new it is rooted in our original sin. In the Old Testament, the Assyrians invaded the northern kingdom of Israel, forcing many of its citizens into exile and captivity. In the modern world, Russia invades Ukraine and millions of refugees flee. It seems as if this 2200year-old adage is true: "Nothing is new under the sun!" (Eccl 1:9) Except for Jesus. Of him God says [spoiler for next week!], "Behold I make all things new." (Rev 21:5) As we hear in today's first reading, conflict between Jews and Gentiles forced Paul and Barnabas to leave Antioch. In contrast, John in Revelation envisions a world where "every nation, race, people, and tongue" stand before the Lord. For us as for them, Jesus is the path to the unity we desire. That's not to gloss over real differences and even worse, the horror of war. However, it can be a reminder that no matter what else we do, we need to turn to the Lord first in prayer. asking him to guide us in our response; asking the Holy Spirit to help us see people of all nations, and indeed our very own neighbors. as our brothers and sisters.

GO: EVANGELIZE |

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT Judging by the volume wars during our family television sessions, it seems that people have varying levels of ability to hear certain accents and types of voices. I wonder if this capacity to hear properly, or with the necessary level of attention, can sometimes apply to our ability to hear, really hear, the words of Jesus. Perhaps we're too busy, or other preoccupations crowd out his voice. Today's Gospel reminds us to tune back in. "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me," Jesus says. In the first reading, Luke describes the Gentiles who lived in Antioch and were "delighted" in hearing the Good News of salvation and who "glorified the word of the Lord," spreading it "through the whole region." Today and every day, we can emulate the early Christians by opening our ears (or eyes!) to the word of God through the Scriptures, and in turn sharing that light of salvation to all who need it.



PRAY Pray Pope Francis' prayer for peace, found on the USCCB website: www.usccb.org/prayers/pope-francis-prayer-peace. Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

IN THE NEWS Page 7

MENTAL HEALTH

Welcome to All

ALL people —including any person with sensory issues or disabilities of autism, Down syndrome, developmental/intellectual, dementia, Alzheimer's, and other disabilities—are invited to the first sensory friendly, family inclusion Mass at 3:00 pm on Sunday, **May 22** at St Ambrose Cathedral, DSM. An ice cream social follows the Mass. For more information, contact Patty Origer at poriger@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5073.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental illness is something that invades a person, not what defines him or her. 1 in 6 youth experience a mental health condition each year and fewer than half of the adults in the U.S. who experience mental illness get the help they need. Words such as "anxiety," and "depression" are commonly used to describe a healthy processing of emotions, yet can trivialize mental disorders that can be incapacitating. How you can help?

- Listen without judgement
- Don't try to diagnose
- Know your limits

For more information, check out NAMI FaithNet online.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anonymous
Steve Becker
Dennis Busby
Viola Dubay
Matthew Forgy
Ginny Glaub
Eileen Janni
Gary Jones
Gina Lawrence Sokol
Joy Nagel
Mike Schaffer
Duane Spalding

Nancy Stefani Roger Stefani Gary Vanderley Lisa Wood

Victims of COVID-19



Please let us know of any parishioners or family members who should still be on the prayer list. We will keep their names on the prayer list for 3 months unless you notify us otherwise.

Tour of the Church

Everyone is invited to join us on Monday, **May 9** at 7:00 pm for a 'Tour of the Church' facilitated by Fr James. Ever wonder why there's candles on the sides of our church? Or why our sanctuary is in the shape that it is? Come have your questions answered.



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